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Sir:

Pursuant to his duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicant brings the following documents to the attention of the Examiner in the above-identified patent application:

- (1) U.S. Patent No. 6,148,405 A to Liao et al., issued November 14, 2000; and
- (2) U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0094085 A1 to Roberts, published July 18, 2002.

A PTO-1449 form is included herewith listing these documents, and a copy of each of these documents is attached. All of the documents are in English, so Applicants respectfully urge that further comment is unnecessary in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(3).

A first Official Action has not yet issued for this application. Therefore, Applicant submits that no fees are required for the Examiner's consideration of the documents listed in this Information Disclosure Statement. If, however, the Commissioner deems that fees are due for submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge said fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

It is respectfully requested that the documents listed above be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that they be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent that may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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